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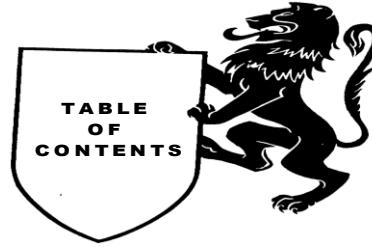
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MEETINGS

Society General meetings are generally held the third Wednesday of each month at Lewis & Clark Public Library, 120 S Last Chance Gulch at 6pm.

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President Message

Hello genealogists! I hope you made some good progress on your research over the winter. We've enjoyed some nice programs over the last few months and have some fun events planned this summer.

Thank You

Thank you to member Kandice Morse who presented last month about an Ancestry trip she took to Germany. The information she shared about her ancestors and visiting their homelands was very interesting and fun to hear about. We hope all members will consider sharing either a research discovery or a genealogy experience for one of our programs in 2026. Contact Dennis Heffner if you would like to share – he'll even help you with your slides! Dennis' email address is dheffner98@aol.com.

Save the Date

The 2025 Montana State Genealogical Society Conference is September 18 - 20th in Great Falls at the Heritage Inn. The date was changed slightly from the first announcement so be sure you have it on your calendar.

Conference Help

If you're planning to attend the state conference and you'd like to help our society we have a couple of opportunities. We have the option to do a society table, so if you have an idea and want to set up a display, let me know. We are going to submit a gift basket for the raffle with local goods, so we need either donations by members or donations by businesses. If you'd like to donate or coordinate the basket let me know. My email is julie.m.walker@gmail.com.

Julie Walker
President

Program Schedule for Upcoming LCCGS Meetings

June 18, 2025: Sharing a diary of a 1910 Wagon Trip to Yellowstone National Park – Presented by member Karen Zent

July 16, 2025: Field Trip – Tour of the Lewis & Clark County Historical Society Museum

August 20, 2025: Annual Summer Picnic at the Fairgrounds, Think of sharing a story where you made a genealogical find while actually searching for something else or an unusual research experience.

September 17, 2025: Finding Montana. Stories and songs presented by GUEST SPEAKER Ednor Therriault.

October 15, 2025: Sharing the life story of surviving the holocaust during WWII and then his immigration and life in America. GUEST SPEAKER -- John Kunz

November 19, 2025: My Work in Identifying the Remains of Unidentified U.S. Soldiers using DNA and Family Tree Analysis. Presented by member (president) Julie Walker.

December 18, 2025: Annual Christmas time meeting. No Formal Program. Opportunity for visiting and round robin sharing of genealogical finds.

They're Only Human

By Gary Wulf

The minor details of our ancestors' daily lives are a window into the past and often reveal human foibles. A monthly column in Faded Genes would let us all share. Here are a couple from my files.

The Billings Gazette of November 23, 1939, had an article about game violations that included my grandfather, John (Jack) Wulf. He and several other Froid residents were charged with hunting ducks after 4PM.

The Annual Report of the Board of Railroad Commissioners for the year ended November 30, 1919, showed that J.W. Wulf, my grandfather, had a claim against the G.N. Express adjusted for an overcharge of \$5.92 for shipping eggs from Froid to Butte. Evidently \$5.92 was an amount worthy of fighting for in 1919. Why did he ship eggs over 500 miles anyway? Were the copper miners too busy to raise chickens or did my grandfather recognize and take advantage of a business opportunity?

Atwood Newspaper Articles

By Terry Atwood

Gary Wulf's suggestion got me thinking about some of tidbits of information that I had gathered for my dad Lester Atwood.

March 22, 1964 Billings Gazette

No License Charge --- Forfeiting \$10 bonds on nodrivers license charges were Pat Litzinger, 33, 912 N. 23rd St.; Lester Atwood, 35.; 327 Russell Drive; Everett Thies, 43, 1824 Pryor Lane; Bernice E Kline, 37, 1002 E. Main St. Atwood also forfeited a \$10 bond on a charge of disobeying a stop sign.

Sometimes we get into newspapers when things aren't so good. I wasn't quite 6 when this happened and I recall that due to snowy streets and a hill (he was on the way to work at the airport) he rolled through the stop sign. I never knew about the no license – I assume he just forgot to renew the previous September (or maybe didn't have his wallet with).

January 21 1968 Billings Gazette

Goodfellowship—Jim Fitzpatrick 210; Les Atwood 569: Central Christian 1011; E.U.B. 2839.

My dad bowled for several years with the church league and this is one of the times he showed up in the newspaper. I assume this was high series for the week. E.U.B. (Evangelical United Brethern) Church was the church I grew up in. By 1972 (I believe) the United Brethern and United Methodist churches merged. Also my dad was unable to bowl a few years after this date, because of a bad back, so this information is memorable. P.S. I also was into bowling about this time as teenager – never as good as my dad though.

July 15, 1971 Billings Gazette

Caption with a photo that was of poor quality.

A courtly affair

Graphic photo by PHDip Bell

Thanks to combined efforts of Girl Scouts and the school PTA, Miles Avenue School will have a new tennis court. Ground was broken at a dedication ceremony and potluck dinner Tuesday night. From left are Mrs. Harry Turner, executive director of Midland Empire Girl Scout Council; Olwen Brough, Girl Guide on tour from England; Jody Freitag, member of Brownie Troop No. 23; Les Atwood, repre-

sentative of Miles Avenue PTA, and Henry Whitman, vice president of Miles Avenue PTA. The court will cost \$1,050 and \$600 has been raised so far through car washes, paper drives, and bake and rummage sales. The court—when completed—will be fenced on all sides and will be used for other recreational activities. The project began in November.

Miles Avenue School was about 1.5 blocks from my home where I went for grades 1-4 but due to overcrowding I had to go to another school about a mile and a half away for 5th and 6th grades back when the junior highs were 7-9 grades. Also no buses so either walked or rode a bike. By the time my youngest brother (3 years behind) was old enough he got to stay all 6 years at Miles Avenue. That's what happens when you are part of the Baby Boomers. Also the school that I was forced to go to is now a Charter School and not even part of the School District.

American Revolution 250th anniversary

Since we are celebrating the start of the American Revolution 250 years ago, leading up to the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence next July, I thought it would be nice to have members provide me, your editor, some information on your known American Revolution patriots. Since I joined the Montana Society of Sons of American Revolution a year ago, I have been excited about this celebration. I am including my 6th Great Grandfather's information who was the patriot I used to join SAR.

This is information from Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution, found in our library.

ATWOOD, HEZEKIAH. Private, Capt. Silas Goodrich's co., Col. John Ashley's (Berkshire Co.) regt.; marched by order of Gen. Gates, Sept. 19, 1777; discharged Oct. 19, 1777; service, 1 mo. 1 day; *also*, Capt. Jeremiah Hickok's co., Col. Elisha Porter's (Berkshire Co.) regt., commanded by Lieut. Col. Sears; enlisted Aug. 6, 1781; discharged Nov. 8, 1781; service, 3 mos. 7 days; enlistment, 3 months.

I may someday also join SAR under Hezekiah's son's father-in-law Solomon Heath (another 6th Great Grandfather), since the same legal documents are used. Here is the information on him found in the same book.

Heath, Solomon. Sergeant, Capt Noah Lankton's Co., Col. Mark Hopkins (1st Berkshire Company) Regiment, entered service July 15, 1776; discharged August 4, 1776; service, 21 days; mileage out and home (252 miles) allowed; company marched on expedition to the Hudson Highlands of New York, by order of Brig. Gen. John Fellows. Side note, Solomon died Dec 6 1776 of smallpox at the age of 35.



This is my current costume that I wear to SAR/DAR events.

2025 LCCGS Membership

C01	Stoner	Al	461	Solwey	Pamella
C03	Kockler	Eloyce	471	Stier	Jerry
48	Pitch	Mary	472	Stier	Marji
76	Benish	Barbara	473	Olsen	Sandra
105	Atwood	Terry	479	Crogan	Karen
141	Duncan	Pat	480	Crogan	Michael
184	Martinka	Kathy	482	Siroky	Marilyn
224	Pearson	Tom	489	Grover	Mitzi
225	Martinka	Robert	506	Morrison	Mike
282	Roberts	Bill	524	Naccarato	Paula
289	Huck	Karen	527	Walker	Julie
311	Utick	Annie	528	Morse	Kandice
313	O'Connor	Mike	529	Weber	Joe
323	Oset	Earline	532	Hamman	Jane
330	Bender	Bary	536	Hall	Michael
338	Smith	Barbara	539	Taylor	Cherryl
341	Gibson	Rita	543	Dever	Chet
361	Jones	Carolyn	544	Dever	Colleen
364	Huck	Dennis	545	Lay	Kathy
366	Hoffman	Helen	546	Lay	Ken
371	Kramlick	Gale	547	Van Syckle	Jennifer
372	Benson	Sandi	548	Shoquist-Powell	Jane
380	Oliveira	Dorothy	550	Howerton	Adell
381	Oset	Lawrence	551	Klinski	Dianne M
387	Oliveira	George	552	Eckerson Clark	JoEllen
391	Armstrong	Ron	555	Aldworth	Craig
392	Armstrong	Dianne	558	Schottler	Marcia
393	Wulf	Gary	559	Russell	Michael
397	Bidmead	Matt	560	Zent	Karen
409	Guevin	Elizabeth(Liza)	561	Martin	Denise
415	Utick	Andy	562	Macefield	Kathleen
419	Blakely	Douglas	563	Makela	Kristy
422	Brooks	Charlotte	564	Maughan	Jackie Lee
423	Brooks	Phil	565	Near	Susan
440	Heffner	Dennis	566	Hays	Helen
443	Heffner	Dodie	567	Dubbe	Al
444	Christophersen	Allen	568	Reis	Janet
445	Christophersen	Cindy	569	Biekert	Peggy

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3. Members can at no cost have Queries published in the society's quarterly newsletter.
4. The membership dues are \$20.00 individual and \$25.00 family per year. Membership starts in March and payments received after August will begin the next year. Make checks payable to Lewis and Clark County Genealogical Society, or LCCGS.

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